

TSSHP Workgroup Template

Progress Report

Workgroup Name: Group D

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Work Progress Made Since the Annual Symposium: Established direction to develop a model for creating a healthy culture within Texas schools. Model to be patterned after Dr. Pat Cooper's McComb Healthy School Project, McComb School District, McComb, Mississippi.

The model would build a healthy school culture where all students can learn through nine types of intervention.

- Academic Opportunity
- Health Services
- Health Instruction
- Mental Health and Counseling
- Nutrition Services
- Physical Education
- Staff Wellness
- Community and Parent Involvement
- Safe Schools Environment

Challenges and Issues: The foundation of the Healthy School Project is to create a "Health and Wellness Student Assistance Team" at each school campus. These personnel are critical to the success of this program. Personnel would include a full-time Registered Nurse and Mental Health Counselor/Interventionist, Health Service Supervisor, certified physical education teacher, child psychiatrist and licensed social worker. The expense of placing qualified and certified personnel in each school would be a challenge.

School administrators would need to be trained and "buy into" changing the school culture. Available funds could be reprioritized and additional dollars could be addressed through state and federal programs.

Recommendations for Consideration by the Steering Committee:

Additional Comments:

This report presents the basic outline of the McComb model. Additional reports will expand the means and methods to suggest implementation in Texas schools.